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FORMER GRIDIRON HEROES ON HAM FISH'S ALL-STAR TEAM

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WRESTLING TOURNEYIn Another Bout Cutler of
Chicago Beat Mohl of
Switzerland.Chicago Elects Charley White to
Be Welsh's Next Opponent.

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A CHICAGO newspaper recently started a voting contest on the question of who should be the next opponent of Champion Freddy Welsh.

You may have just one guess as to which one of the lightweights was elected by the Chicago fans. That's right, Charley White. In Chicago White is regarded as the best lightweight in the country, and it takes a wonderful man to beat him any kind of a decision in or near the windy city.

Of the other candidates for the first chance against Welsh, White was the favorite. He was far behind White. Then came Joe Welling, a good lightweight at that, but an unknown compared with White and Ritchie. Johnny Dundee came fourth. Larney Lichtenstein, manager of Welling, tried to make capital out of the contest for Welling by buying a big batch of papers and having his friends vote for Welling. The contest closed, however, before the Welling votes were received, and he was nosed out of second place by Ritchie.

In national elections it has always been said, "As New York goes, so goes the nation," but we are not sure that this could be applied to elections of a pugilistic character, like that of the Chicago paper. New York might select Dundee in preference to White or Ritchie. If the boxing fans could be assured that White could be strong under lightweight conditions, Boston might elect Ted Lewis, the Englishman, who has been doing big things up that way lately, but two Englishmen might not prove a strong box office attraction. Jersey City would certainly light on Joe Shugrue. Every city of note could have a well-supported candidate, so that this Chicago stunt is nothing more than a local event, with the local favorite, White, getting most of the votes.

BILLY GIBSON tells this story: "Three days before the Willard-Luther McCarty fight in the Garden on Aug. 19, 1912, Willard came to me complaining of how badly he felt. He rubbed his hands all over his stomach and chest with an expression of pain on his face. 'I can't tell you how badly I feel,' Mr. Gibson. 'There is something wrong with me.' 'What are you saying?' I asked. 'I'm telling you, the big fellow couldn't seem to locate the trouble.' 'Then, said Gibson, 'I asked Willard: 'What are you guys trying to put over on me?' McCarty is complaining, too, in about the same way as you. Now, I know Jess that you wouldn't run on me, but I can't tell about McCarty.' 'Willard opened his eyes at this, and asked anxiously about McCarty's symptoms. 'An hour Jess's ailment had disappeared, and he finished training for the bout. Well, you remember their fight was about an even thing. McCarty really had never complained of any funny feeling, but as manager of the show, I was forced to say he had, to ease Willard's mind.' 'NCE started Gibson could tell a book full of stories of fights and fighters. He explains why Leach Cross is a good box office attraction. 'Why, a lot of people want to see Cross. He is a sure thing, he is sure going to be licked, or that would quit. Leach had a way of walking to the corner at the end of each round the most discouraged man in the world. 'Why, he'll quit in the next round,' was heard around the ringside boxes often. 'Leach would finish each round in discouraged fashion, even if he were winning, and a great portion of the crowd couldn't get it out of their heads that Leach was on the verge of quitting. 'As a matter of fact,' said Gibson, 'Cross never was or will be a quitter, but he always has been an actor and a strategist in the ring.' 'LITTLE George Monroe, who is now trying to elude boxing in Yonkers, thinks the Boxing Commissioner's rule prohibiting the introduction of boxers before the star bouts should be amended. 'I think,' says George, 'that the majority of boxing fans like to get a look at the ring stars. I will admit that the practice has been abused by inflicting a lot of no accounts on the boxing patrons, but there is no good reason why men who have attained prominence in the ring shouldn't be presented to the crowd. I'd go to many a theatre if I thought that Caruso, John McCormack, Faversham and some of the other stars of the profession were to be introduced. Why, I hear there's a new moving picture film that shows all the star actors in simple terms in conjunction with the story the pictures tell, and it makes a big hit. Why shouldn't the stars of the ring be shown in real life? I think it adds to the show.' 'SCOTTY MONTEITH, manager of Johnny Dundee, who fought Jess Rivers in Milwaukee last night, isn't lacking in chin music. Here's his latest on Dundee: 'Dundee is the only fighter that ever lived who fought in the feather, light and welter weight divisions at the same time. He fought Kilbane and held him to a draw. I think he deserved the decision. He fought Welsh in New Orleans, and the newspapers were undecided as to the outcome. The other night he fought Willie Ritchie, who acknowledges that he is trying for the welterweight title. If you don't think he's a busy boy look up his record. He has fought all of them, not once, but two or three times, and no man has knocked him down.' 'THE

Baseball Leagues Paid
\$7,000,000 for Players
During Season of 1915This, With Transportation and
Other Operating Expenses,
Brings Total Cost of Main-
taining National Game to
More Than \$20,000,000.

By Bozeman Bulger.

WHEN it is realized that the major and minor leagues paid out for players alone a little more than \$6,000,000 in the season just ended the financial difficulties of a summer beset with poor attendance can be understood. And, mind you, this does not include the Federal League. It is estimated that the purchase and salaries of players for the eight clubs in the neighborhood of \$600,000. This would put the grand total of dollars taken away by ball players in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000.

Verily, the ball player is getting the cream of the game!

These figures were secured from the official report of Secretary John H. Farrell of the National Association of Minor League Clubs combined with the unofficial estimates of men professionally connected with the major leagues.

Notwithstanding the falling off of attendance, said to be due to a feeling of hard times attendant upon the war in Europe, bad weather and the prevailing of certain magnates, the salaries of the players have increased. Even the purchase prices have grown. It is very evident, therefore, that when the attendance falls off the owners still suffer. The players get their money regardless of conditions.

Mr. Farrell points out the rather interesting fact that but forty minor leagues were eligible to start the 1915 season, as against forty-four in 1914. Ten of these leagues did not begin the season, and five of the thirty which started did not finish. Of the twenty-five that managed to stand the gaff and continue in business not one of them made money. This latter statement is not made on the authority of Mr. Farrell. He did not mention that, but it is the opinion of the owners now assembled in San Francisco.

As a proof that the bad weather was largely responsible for the financial troubles, Mr. Farrell shows that in one minor league 165 games were postponed on account of rain in a four months playing season.

Say, for instance, that in a little league the money taken in at a game would average \$500. That means \$52,500 accrued to the rain, and in a small league that is quite a bunch of bills. It would pay the whole season's salary list for three of the clubs. In the minor leagues 6,412 players were under contract. Estimating the salaries of these men at \$1,000 for the season, which is conservative, the bush leagues paid out \$5,412,000 to athletes. This does not include the money paid for the purchase of these players. It would be impossible to estimate that with any degree of accuracy. Some players were bought for \$100, while others brought as high as \$750. Some of those turned back by the big leagues cost the minor leagues

owners \$1,500. At any rate, it would run over \$500,000.

In the two major leagues there were employed on an average \$2,000 a year. The National and American Leagues, therefore, paid out \$1,200,000 in salaries. Add to this \$600,000 for the purchase of players, and it has cost the major leagues, in round figures, \$2,000,000.

None of these figures apply to the cost of transportation, hotel bills, upkeep of grounds, cost of building, salaries of managers, secretaries and other officials. Just to give an idea of what that means, the cost of operating the Polo Grounds during the summer is upward of \$1,000 a day.

If the expenses, outside of players, could be put into the grand total, it would be found that the magnates had spent during 1915 more than \$20,000,000 for the game. The New York Giants, for instance, Mr. Farrell, in his report to the National Association, shows that \$129,800 passed through his office for drafted players, optional agreement players and others released by purchase. The National Association has to do with minor leagues only. The report of the National Association, showing the what was paid out for players in the big leagues, is not ready. It should be a very interesting document.

Although it may be inaccurate, we will assume that the average price of a franchise and grounds in the big league is \$750,000. That is not large. The New York Giants, for instance, could not be bought for double that amount.

The sixteen clubs, therefore, represent an investment of \$12,000,000—that is, a property investment. Add to this the \$20,000,000 for operating expenses and it will be over \$32,000,000. They must take in that much from the fans to break even.

Now, can you wonder at what happened when the attendance began falling off last spring?

Clubs Must File Conditions
Of Matches With Boxing BoardFailure to Comply With New
Rule of Commission Will
Mean Suspension of Prin-
cipals or Club.

THE Boxing Commission has adopted another new rule. It is to the effect that as soon as a match is made, the club intending to stage it shall notify the commission. Printed forms will be supplied each club and all parties to the match must subscribe their signatures. All conditions of the match must be outlined. Whether the boxers are on a guarantee or percentage must be stipulated. If there is any question as to the responsibility of the guarantor the commission must be posted with the commission on the day before the bout.

Any boxer who causes a cancellation must first fulfill his obligation, or obtain a release, before being allowed to box elsewhere. The putting of the new rule was the chief business transacted at the weekly meeting of the commission. Two new licenses were granted. George Munroe, the old-time boxer, securing a license for the Palace A. C. of Yonkers, and the East New York A. C., which about a year ago retired from the boxing field, obtaining another license. The Brighton Beach A. C., which was operated last summer by Dan McKelrick and Harry Pollok, turned in its license.

A big discussion arose when Munroe informed the commission he intended to referee at the Palace A. C. A rule was read in which it said that no officer or holder of stock in a club shall officiate as third man in the ring. Finally it was decided that as a general manager of a club doesn't come under this head, Munroe could referee, providing any boxer he is interested in wasn't performing.

Elias Storton, styled the "Terrible Greek," wandered in hat in hand. His grievance was that as Jack McCarthy, with whom he had signed a contract for three bouts, was too busy to secure bouts for him, he wanted another man to do his business. He says that lately he hasn't been able to find McCarthy.

Chairman Wencot told him where he could find McCarthy and then Commissioner Dixon put him through a cross-examination which it was learned that in addition to being a boxer Storton is a corporal of the Fifty-sixth Company, Fort Hancock. He didn't explain, though, how it is possible for one of Uncle Sam's soldiers to get away during the day and appear in street clothes. He says he has had three fights and was beaten in one of them, but neglected to say what happened in the other two.

Billy Gibbs, a boxer, was next on the carpet. Some time ago he appeared against Terry Adams at the Queensboro A. C. and was stopped in the first round. He said it was a punch over the heart that knocked him cold. The referee and the representative of the club, George Frenz, said he deliberately quit. For this reason he wasn't paid, which caused him to complain. A letter was read from Gibbs's manager in which he stated that he thought so badly of Gibbs's showing that he didn't wait around for a cent, the night of the bout. Gibbs was told to try to stay on his feet longer the next time. He admitted having boxed three times at the Queensboro A. C. and which occasions he appeared before the commission.

A delegation of the club managers was recently met for the purpose of forming an association to suggest new rules and to assist the commission to administrate failed to show up as expected.

Another boxing club will enter the field tonight with a new, the club is the Palace A. C. of Yonkers, of which George Munroe is the manager and referee. The bouts to be decided will bring together Eddie Jack Kray and George Charley Glenda, and Haghey McDonald and Joe Stoney. They will meet for ten rounds.

Abe Friedman, the boxer who stood up under Johnny Ertle's bombardment of blows for ten rounds, received \$175 for his trouble. He claims he would have made a better showing if his left ear, which he had badly stuffed up while in training for the bout, had not been buried by Ertle in the first round.

Levinovsky Whips Geyer. SHRENDONDAH, Pa., Nov. 5.—Battling Levinovsky defeated Jack Geyer here last night. Geyer showed great game, but Levinovsky breaking Geyer in the sixth round. Levinovsky weighed 178, Geyer 221.

Soldier Bartfield of Brooklyn, who fights Mike O'Dowd, the Minneapolis welterweight, at Hudson, Wis., on Friday night; K. O. Brennan at Buffalo, N. Y., on Nov. 19, and Mike Gibbons at St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 3, left today for the West, accompanied by his manager, Dan Mc-

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Johnny Ertle, the St. Paul bantamweight who has been claiming the bantamweight championship title ever since he won on a foot from Kila Williams at St. Paul several weeks ago, made his first appearance in a bout in this vicinity last night at the Clermont A. C. of Brooklyn and showed himself to be a great little fighter. Ertle had for his opponent Abe Friedman, the boxer who stood up under Johnny Ertle's bombardment of blows for ten rounds, received \$175 for his trouble. He claims he would have made a better showing if his left ear, which he had badly stuffed up while in training for the bout, had not been buried by Ertle in the first round.

In the other ten-round bout Benny Leonard of Harlem gave Gene Moriarty of Syracuse such a bad beating that Referee Forbes stopped the bout in the third round after Moriarty had taken a count of nine seconds.

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A SUNDAY was sprung at the opening of the big international wrestling tournament in the Manhattan Opera House when Dr. Ben E. Roller, the well-known medicine-man artist, stepped down to the footlights and delivered a speech.

The wrestlers themselves were as much surprised as was the audience. Few of the twenty odd men in the tourney for the championship gold belt knew how to speak English except to ask for "money" and they didn't know whether or not Roller was calling them names.

The doctor said more nice things about the game than has been said in these parts in years. He handed bouquets to every one, including Promoter Sam Hachmann, who may need them before the tourney is over. George Rothner, the referee and the announcer, Joe Humphries.

A vaudeville show preceded the six bouts and then came the parade around the stage, the wrestlers forming a semi-circle, before their individual introduction. Only two well-known wrestlers appeared in the first night's bouts. They were George Lurich, who went to a twenty-minute draw with Losson of England, and Charlie Cutler of Chicago, who pinned the shoulders of Mohl of Switzerland to the floor in 9m. and 23s., using a hold never before seen in a bout in this city—an arm roll. In the other matches Draak of Holland won from Finks of Germany in 9m. 34s.; Irsa of Austria defeated Litofsky of Palestine in 14m. 2s., while in the bout between Johnson of Sweden and Linow, the Cosack, they wrestled twenty minutes to a draw.

DUNDEE WON FAST
BOUT WITH RIVERS.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 9.—The prettiest boxing show Milwaukee has been treated to in a long time took place last night when Johnny Dundee and Joe Rivers clashed. It was a corking battle, with never an idle minute. At the end the New Yorker had piled up a lead that even a last-chance rally by the Mexican in the tenth round could not overcome. In the eighth round Dundee scored a knockout that officially clinched the contest for him.

TRINITY INSISTS UPON
PLAYING GEORGE BRICKLEY.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 9.—The Trinity College football authorities have notified Columbia that they expect to play George Brickley, the former professional baseball player, in the football game near Columbia next Saturday. The notification, announcement of which was made last night, was in answer to the bout between Johnson of Sweden and Linow, the Cosack, they wrestled twenty minutes to a draw.

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